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CASES AGAINST TRAVEL AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether several travel agencies are engaged in sending people abroad on the basis of fake documents;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken to stop the illegal activities of such agencies and for protecting the interests of the people?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (c): Under the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983, Registration Certificates are issued to the Recruiting Agents for sending Indian citizens abroad for employment on contractual basis. Travel Agents without obtaining a valid registration certificate from the Government are not authorized to engage themselves in the business of overseas recruitment. However, sporadic complaints were received, from time to time, against unregistered travel agents/individuals who were involved in sending persons abroad. The number of complaints received agianst such agents/individuals during last three years are as under:-

Year	1999	2000	2001
No. of complaints	101	84	67

With a view to curbing the activities of unscrupulous agents, detailed guidelines have been issued to the State Governments/Union territory Administrations for issue necessary instructions right down to the police station level to maintain strict vigil agianst nefarious activities of unscrupulous agents and registration of cases against them. During the last three years, 41 Prosecution sanctions were issued by the Government under the Emigration Act, 1983.